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SUBJECT: PLIMSOLL CALL ON GODLEY

FOR AMBASSADOR GREEN

1. SUMMARY. AFTERNOON JUNE 18 AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SIR JAMES PLIMSOLL CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE GODLEY TO DISCUSS WHITLAM/ NIXON MEETING AND OTHER MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL BEGAN BY STATING HE HAD INTENDED TO CALL ON GENERAL SCOWCROFT TO ACCEPT FOR PM WHITLAM PRESIDENT NIXON' S INVITATION TO VISIT THE US (WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED BY SCOWCROFT THROUGH PLIMSOLL OVER THE WEEKEND). GENERAL SCOWCROFT WAS NOT AVAILABLE, AND PLIMSOLL THUS WISHED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO MR. GODLEY -- ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT JULY 30 TH WAS AN ACCEPT- ABLE DATE FOR WHITLAM. AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL STATED THAT THE FACT OF ACCEPTANCE WAS ALREADY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE IN AUSTRALIA, SINCE WHITLAM HAD ALREADY PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE WAS " LOOKING FORWARD" TO VISIT.

3. AMBASSADOR PLIMSOLL STATED THAT PM WHITLAM WOULD BE
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DEPARTING MEXICO CITY AT NOON ON JULY 27. HE ANTICIPATED THAT WHITLAM WOULD SPEAK BEFORE THE NATIONAL PRESS GROUP IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 31 ST AND THE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK.

4. PLIMSOLL ALSO DISCUSSED, IN GENERAL SENSE, POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES FOR SCHEDULING NEXT ANZUS MEETING. HE CONFIRMED THAT PM WHITLAM WOULD NOT BE COMING TO US TO ATTEND SEATO COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK IN LATE SEPTEMBER. ROGERS

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